

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill Instruction Sheet



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Simple Title of Bill: CLEAN ELECTIONS FOR NEW MEXICO

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70TH SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2018

INTRODUCED BY

AN ACT

**RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PUBLIC FINANCING OF STATEWIDE ELECTIONS;
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

SECTION 1. GRANTS. - Any candidate for any statewide election may apply for a grant to fund their election campaign. Upon furnishing the New Mexico Board of Elections proof of meeting qualification criteria, the candidate shall be granted money for their campaign. The candidate must forego other private fundraising and personal spending. The purpose of these grants is to reduce candidates' dependence on funding from special interests, and minimize the amount of time they must spend fundraising. This model of public funding of elections has been used successfully in several cities as well as in the states of Maine and Arizona.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS AND AMOUNT OF PUBLIC FUNDING. - Candidates must provide proof of support by a number of registered voters from the relevant district who have provided their signatures and a small donation, fixed at five dollars (\$5). The number of required voters and amount of the public funding is set as specified in the following table. This amount does not vary for candidates participating in any party primaries.

Office	Number of Supporters	Amount of Public Funding
Governor	2,000	\$1,000,000
Attorney General	1,000	\$250,000
Secretary of State	1,000	\$250,000
Treasurer	100	\$100,000
Auditor	100	\$100,000

Office	Number of Supporters	Amount of Public Funding
Commissioner of Public Lands	100	\$100,000
State Senators	200	\$50,000
State Representatives	100	\$25,000
Public Regulation Commission	100	\$25,000
Public Education Commission	100	\$25,000

The \$5 donations must be transferred to the Board of Elections before the public funding is made available to the candidate. Adjustments to the listed amounts will be made each year, to be increased by the rate of inflation as reported by the Consumer Price Index.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. - Ten million (\$10,000,000) will be appropriated from the general fund in each election year to provide public funding to qualifying candidates. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the election year shall revert to the general fund.

All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

Delayed Start: The provisions of this act shall be effective on and after the date of its passage, with grants available for elections to be held at least one (1) year after that date.

